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Ohio River Ecosystem Restoration Study

The Corps of Engineers Louisville, Huntington and Pittsburgh Districts announce the completion of a draft study report – a Decision Document and Environmental Assessment – for proposed authorization of an Ohio River ecosystem restoration program.

The purpose of the proposed Ohio River Ecosystem Restoration Program is to restore, protect, and manage ecological resources impacted by human activities along the Ohio River corridor. The study report addresses the need for a specific Ohio River authorization and describes alternatives and ecosystem objectives, non-Federal cost sharing requirements, implementation plans, and recommendations. If authorized, this cost-shared program would enable the Corps of Engineers and non-Federal sponsors to restore and protect aquatic, wetland, floodplain, and riparian areas along the Ohio River through implementation of site-specific ecosystem restoration projects.

This report was prepared in conjunction with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the natural resources agencies of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. It is the second authorization recommendation document of the ongoing Ohio River Mainstem Systems Study.

The public review period for the draft study report will continue through September 2, 2000. During this period, the study report will be available on the Internet at web address <http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/pd/OhioRiverEcoRest.htm>. The report is also available on paper and CD-ROM disk, readable using Adobe® Acrobat software. A single paper copy of the report will be provided on request at no cost. As indicated on the attached Order Form, a nominal fee will be charged for a CD-ROM disk and additional copies of the report. Copies will also be available for review at the main county library of each county adjacent to the Ohio River.

Written comments, postmarked no later than September 2, 2000, should be sent to Mr. Michael Holley, Project Manager, at the address shown above. E-mail comments may also be submitted to **Michael.Q.Holley@LRL02.usace.army.mil**.